Title: Introduction of the Right to Inforamtion Bill, 2004.

13.46 hrs.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION BILL, 2004*

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, there is one Bill which is to be introduced. It is listed in the List of Business at Sl. No.33. When the hon. Minister was called on to introduce the Bill, he was not present and no other hon. Minister had presented the Bill on his behalf. He has written to me tendering his apology. But that must be on record.

Shri Pachauri, you were not present earlier. That is not right. You have to be extremely careful. Please do not take it as a precedent. I will not allow this in future. Therefore, proper amends will have to be made. I know the hon. Ministers are busy else where also, but I would request all the hon. Ministers that the House has to have priority.

Now, you may move.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHAURI): Sir, first of all, I am extremely sorry for not remaining present at that time. As I have requested, I was reacting in the other House in relation to some other issue. But as you have directed, I will positively keep it in mind.

MR. SPEAKER: You could have requested some other hon. member of the Cabinet to take it up.

SHRI SURESH PACHAURI: Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for people to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to

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promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

> "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for people to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI SURESH PACHAURI: I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, would you like to adjourn for the recess?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

13.48 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for lunch till thirty minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

14.36 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at thirty-six minutes

past Fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs would like to say something.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE): Sir, the hon. Members of the House have decided to pass the Delegated Legislation Provisions (Amendment) Bill without discussion today. In any way, the full discussion on the Bill would take about 20 to 25 minutes only. So, this Bill may be passed without any discussion.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right. But it will be after the laying down of the Matters under rule 377 on the Table of the House.

SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE: It may be done after the Matters under rule 377 are laid down on the Table of the House.

14.37 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Matters under rule 377 may be treated as laid on the Table of the House.